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NOTICES AND REPORTS

Executive Committee Minutes

Tentative Drafts: Minutes of the 210th, 211th and 212th Meetings of the Executive Committee of the California Medical Association.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at the Family Club, San Francisco at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, 1948.

Roll Call:

Present were President Askey, President-Elect Kneeshaw, Speaker Alesen, Council Chairman Bruck and Auditing Committee Chairman Shipman, Chairman of the Executive Committee. A full committee present and acting. Ex-officio member present: Secretary-Treasurer Garland. Ex-officio member absent, Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Doctor Dwight H. Murray, Chairman of Committee on Public Policy and Legislation; Doctor C. K. Cooley, secretary of California Physicians' Service; Mr. Ben H. Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California; Mr. Clem Whitaker, Public Relations Counsel; Mr. Howard Hassard, Legal Counsel, and Mr. John Hunton, Executive Secretary.

1. Selective Service:

A letter from Governor Earl Warren of California was read, in which he requested that physicians in various areas of the state be selected for appointment to medical advisory boards under the new Selective Service Act. The appointees would be called upon to review cases where manifestly disqualifying conditions were claimed by potential draftees, the armed services performing their own induction physical examinations. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the county medical societies in the areas involved be asked to nominate physicians for such appointment.

2. C.M.A. Constitution and By-Laws:

It was pointed out that the 1948 House of Delegates had approved a resolution calling for the appointment of a five-member committee to review the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this matter

to the Chairman of the Council, which body should consider the Chairman's recommendations for such appointments at its next meeting.

3. State Department of Public Health:

Doctor Bruck reported that he, acting as a member of the committee to study chronic diseases for the State Department of Public Health, had declined to send to the secretaries of the county medical societies a letter which he believed to contain leading questions. Instead, a modified version of this letter, prepared by a representative of the State Department of Public Health, had been sent; however, the original letter had been sent to county health officers by a county health officer who is also a member of this study committee. It was agreed that copies of both letters should be sent to all members of the Council so that they could see the approach being made on this question. (Copies of both letters are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.)

The recent action of the American Public Health Association in appointing a committee for the creation of a section on medical care was discussed and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the American Medical Association be requested to secure adequate representation at meetings of the American Public Health Association.

4. California Society for Crippled Children-Epilepsy Program:

Doctor Bruck reported that further conferences had been held with representatives of the California Society for Crippled Children and that a definite program appeared in the making, with the proposed case-finding program to be abandoned and with the county medical societies to handle the program in their own areas. A further report is to be made to the Council.

5. Public Policy and Legislation:

Doctor Murray reviewed some of the measures which will appear on the November general election ballot as initiative measures and placed particular

emphasis on the so-called "Bill of Rights" or "Omni-bus" proposition, No. 11. He pointed out that this bill would create a board of naturopathic examiners which would thereafter control the licensing of all practitioners in all the healing arts. It was brought out that a taxpayer's suit has been filed against the Secretary of State to prevent this measure's appearing on the ballot and that the C.M.A. had been asked to appear as a friend of the court in the matter. After discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that legal counsel be authorized to appear on behalf of the Association in this case.

6. *California State Chamber of Commerce:*

A request from the California State Chamber of Commerce to contribute \$1,000 to the Chamber's work was read and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Association make such a contribution this year.

7. *California Physicians' Service:*

Doctor C. L. Cooley, secretary of California Physicians' Service, reported that C.P.S. is now operating in the black and the present reserve in the unit stabilization fund is about \$360,000. He also reported that C.P.S. is dealing with the Veterans Administration relative to a new VA regulation which holds that preliminary examinations to determine service-connected disabilities may not be paid for unless prior authorization from the Administration has been received. This regulation would mean that the first call on physicians by eligible veterans would not be paid for, and C.P.S. is endeavoring to secure its repeal. He also stated that the C.P.S. board of trustees has taken over as its own sub-unit the fee schedule committee headed by Doctor William L. Bender and originally appointed by the C.M.A. Council.

8. *Veterans Administration:*

The Secretary reported that the Veterans Administration was considering setting up a diagnostic center in Sacramento and another in Stockton, presumably for all examination of veterans claiming disability ratings but so laid out that full diagnostic and treatment facilities might well be made available. After discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that it be the opinion of the Executive Committee that adequate machinery exists for the examination and rating of veterans claiming disabilities and that the county medical societies be encouraged to oppose the establishment of such local diagnostic centers as superfluous and unnecessary.

9. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported that the Association of California Supervisors had met in July and had adopted a resolution calling for the recognition by county boards of supervisors of the shortage of hospital beds and the attempt by such boards to secure state and federal funds in aid of hospital construction. This would mean the competition of county hospitals with non-profit voluntary hospitals and a disadvantage to

the latter in attempts to secure public funds for expansion. Mr. Hassard reported on a letter received from a member who has opened a pathological laboratory in association with other physicians who refer their work; the laboratory has been incorporated and the question of the ethics of such a procedure was raised. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Council and the physician be advised that the entire matter of such ethical considerations was under study; it was agreed to recommend that a full code be prepared on the ethical approach to the rebate question.

10. *Proposed Hospital-Radiologist Contract:*

Mr. Hassard reported that a committee of the Association of California Hospitals had reviewed the recent opinion of the State Attorney General, in which it was held that hospitals employing physicians on a salary basis were violating the corporate practices sections of the medical practice act, had recognized the validity of this opinion and had been instructed by that association to proceed with the drafting of standard types of contracts between hospitals and physicians to cover the rendering of professional services in hospitals. Doctor Garland presented a specimen contract which he proposed be used as a base for the variety of contracts needed in such cases and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that legal counsel be authorized to discuss with the committee and legal counsel for the Association of California Hospitals the drafting and adoption of standard type or types of contracts to cover the rendering of professional medical services in hospitals.

11. *C.M.A. Employees' Retirement Plan:*

Doctor Alesen reported that the committee to consider a pension retirement plan for Association employees had approved a type of insurance contract offered by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. There was discussion as to the number of employees to be covered by such a program and it was agreed that the matter be discussed further at the next meeting of the Council.

Adjournment.

SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D., *Chairman.*
L. HENRY GARLAND, M.D., *Secretary.*

211th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman at 6 p.m., Sunday, August 22, 1948, in Room 210 of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco.

Roll Call:

Present were President Askey, Speaker Alesen, Council Chairman Bruck and Auditing Committee Chairman Shipman, chairman. Absent, President-Elect Kneeshaw. Present by invitation, Legal Counsel Hassard.

A quorum present and acting.

1. *Time and Place of Annual Secretarial Conference:*

After discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the annual Secretarial Conference be held in San Francisco on February 4 and 5, 1949.

2. *Appointment to C.P.S. Fee Schedule Committee:*

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that Doctor Herbert J. Kirchner of Los Angeles be appointed a member of the C.P.S. fee schedule committee, to succeed Doctor Harold P. Totten, resigned.

Adjournment.

SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D., *Chairman.*

L. HENRY GARLAND, M.D., *Secretary.*

212th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman at the Family Club, San Francisco, at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 29, 1948.

1. *Roll Call:*

Present were President Askey, President-Elect Kneeshaw, Speaker Alesen, Council Chairman Bruck and Auditing Committee Chairman Shipman, chairman of the committee.

Present, ex-officio, were Secretary-Treasurer Garland and Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Executive Secretary John Hunton; Legal Counsel Howard Hassard; Field Secretary Ed Clancy; executive secretary of the Public Health League of California, Ben H. Read.

Present by invitation during a portion of the meeting were Col. Alvin Gorby, M.C., U.S.A.; Lt. Col. Stuart I. Draper, M.C., U.S.A.; Maj. Donald L. Brubaker, M.C., U.S.A. (U.S.A.F.), and Capt. E. J. Best, M.C., U.S.N.

A quorum present and acting.

2. *Physicians for Military Service:*

Doctor Bruck outlined conferences he had held with Col. Gorby and other officers of the Sixth Army relative to the need of the Army and other forces for medical officers, both present need and anticipated demand under the enlarged forces under the new Selective Service Act. Col. Gorby stated that the present needs of the Sixth Army are for 31 additional medical officers by December 1, 1948, and an additional 60 by January 1, 1949. He stated that the Army tables of organization call for 4.7 physicians per 1,000 active personnel. Capt. Best stated that the Navy now needs 40 additional medical officers in the Twelfth District and 39 in the Eleventh District. Maj. Brubaker stated the Air Force relies on the Army Surgeon General for medical officers but pointed to a need of an unspecified number of medical officers in the near future.

Doctor Bruck reported that the suggestion had been made that the Association work with the armed forces in a campaign to cover the medical schools and teaching hospitals of the state in an effort to recruit young physicians for the military forces. There are now about 4,000 physicians or medical students

in the U.S. who have received all or a part of their medical education at federal expense; of this number, only 216 are within the age limits of the Selective Service Act. After discussion, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Association cooperate with all branches of the armed forces in a recruiting program for medical officers throughout the state, the Chairman of the Council to be authorized to activate this program.

3. *Memorial for Philip K. Gilman, M.D.:*

Discussion was held on the establishment of a memorial fund in the Stanford University Medical School in honor of the late Philip K. Gilman, M.D. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that Doctor Wilbur ascertain from the school the manner in which such a fund might be established and report to the next Council meeting.

4. *State Department of Public Health:*

Doctor Shipman reported on a request received from the State Department of Public Health for assistance in a study to be conducted on methods of control for tuberculosis. Doctor Shipman suggested to the department that a representative of the Association be named on the study committee and the department has requested that such a representative be named. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that Doctor H. Gordon MacLean be named as the Council representative on this committee.

5. *Public Policy and Legislation:*

An appeal for Association support of Proposition No. 5 on the November ballot was presented. This proposition would increase the salaries of members of the State Legislature from \$100 to \$250 per month. As an aid in attracting qualified men to serve as members of the Legislature, it was regularly moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the Executive Committee go on record as approving this ballot proposition and that the appropriate members of the Legislature be so notified.

6. *Santa Fe Hospital Association:*

In response to questions, Mr. Hassard reported on the present status of the controversy between members of the staff of Santa Fe Hospital Association, Los Angeles, and the trustees of the hospital. No further action has taken place since the Railway Mediation Board in Chicago declined to intervene in behalf of some physicians who had been dismissed or whose activities had been curtailed by the hospital trustees. It was pointed out that the Board of Medical Examiners, acting under a recent ruling of the State Attorney General relative to corporate practice of medicine, might take steps which could clarify this situation.

7. *Chronic Disease Study—Cancer Commission:*

Doctor Bruck reported that the chronic disease studies of the State Department of Public Health

have progressed to the point where proposed reports on the various sections of the study are under preparation. Members of the C.M.A. Cancer Commission are cooperating in the preparation of the cancer section of the report and Doctor Bruck has been named a member of a committee to edit all proposed sections of the entire report prior to presentation of the report to the entire committee for approval for presentation to the Legislature. If advisable, minority reports may be prepared.

8. *California Physicians' Service:*

Mr. Hassard and Doctor Cooley discussed the proposed plan of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans to cooperate in formation of a national organization to underwrite, through local plans, a nationwide coverage of prepayment medical care and hospitalization service. Physicians in some states are opposing this proposal and Mr. Hassard was authorized to meet with these physicians in Chicago on September 30, 1948, in order to advise them that the Executive

Committee of the Association has reviewed the proposals and believes them to be sound and workable in principle.

9. *American Medical Association—General Practitioner Award:*

A communication from the A.M.A. outlining the methods to be used in selecting the physician to be honored by award of a token as the outstanding general practitioner of the year, was read and it was agreed that the county medical societies be notified of the eligibility of nominations and specifically notified that, because of the fact that all nominations must be in the hands of the A.M.A. prior to the November 30, 1948, interim session of the A.M.A. House of Delegates, the selection of a possible nominee from California must be made by the Council and not by the House of Delegates.

Adjournment.

SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D., *Chairman.*

L. HENRY GARLAND, M.D., *Secretary.*



Marysville Postgraduate Seminar

The first autumn postgraduate seminar of the series being conducted by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association was held at Marysville, October 1. The program consisted of a morning clinical conference on nephritis conducted by Dr. Marcus A. Krupp of the Veterans Administration, San Francisco, with presentations of types of acute and chronic stages of the disease.

At the afternoon session, formal papers were read. Dr. Krupp presented the latest concepts of diagnosis and treatment of nephritis.

Dr. Rene Bine, Jr., of Mt. Zion Hospital, discussed the results of research investigations carried on in the University of California Hospital and Mt. Zion Hospital on the use of anticoagulants in the management of acute coronary disease. He stated that judicious use of Dicumarol and Heparin resulted in notable reduction in the complications of thromboembolic phenomena.

The management of allergic diseases was reviewed by Dr. Albert H. Rowe, University of California Medical School. Dr. Rowe's discussion and illustrative slides presented an excellent coverage of this very troublesome and confusing field of medicine. Hypersensitization and its varied manifestations were reviewed, and general and specific treatments outlined.

The evening session was a symposium on the management of common serious highway accidents, with

three papers—"Internal Injuries to the Chest," by Dr. Paul Samson, assistant clinical professor of surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine; "Internal Injuries to the Abdomen," by Dr. Leon Goldman, associate professor of surgery, University of California Medical School; "Orthopedic Surgery: The Extremities," by Dr. Frederic Bost, associate clinical professor of orthopedic surgery, University of California Medical School.

Dr. Samson emphasized the importance of early, correct diagnosis and advocated conservative treatment pointed toward as rapid reestablishment of physiological relations as possible by early and repeated aspiration of hemothorax or hemopneumothorax; relief of severe intercostal nerve pain from severe fractures by judicious local blocking of the intercostal nerves rather than by unphysiological morphine sedation; restoration of lost blood; and, finally, decortication of organized clot and fibrin under proper conditions, four to six weeks after trauma, to favor reexpansion.

Dr. Goldman emphasized the importance of proper and adequate facilities for diagnosis and institution of early supportive therapy in injuries involving the abdomen. He listed as essential the Wangenstein suction apparatus, oxygen equipment, plasma and catheterization set-up, together with clinical and x-ray equipment and personnel to assist the emergency surgeon. Shock stages, important symptoms and the various organ systems were succinctly re-

viewed. Dr. Goldman said that radical surgical procedures are much more often requisite to proper handling of serious trauma to the abdomen than in thoracic injuries.

Dr. Bost reviewed the important orthopedic problems commonly encountered. His emphasis was upon proper early management of the complications of serious fractures. He warned against early introduction of foreign bodies in compound fracture reduction; and stressed debridement, immobilization, chemotherapy and antibiotic therapy together with proper physiological supportive and restorative management.

After these papers were presented two motion pictures were shown, "Compound Depressed Fracture of the Skull" and "Cholelithiasis with Common Duct Stone."

Attendance was 24 at the morning session, 50 at the afternoon meeting, and 31 in the evening.

Additional seminars are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, Nov. 7	Redding	Gastric Surgery, Obstetrical Difficulties, Myocardial Infarction and Psychosomatic Medicine
Tuesday, Nov. 9	El Centro	Gastro-intestinal Symposium including Biliary and Liver Diseases
Saturday, Dec. 4	Santa Barbara	To be announced
Tuesday, Dec. 7	Riverside	To be announced
Friday, Dec. 10	Monterey	Anemias — Maxwell M. Wintrobe, M.D., University of Utah.

In Memoriam

HANSEN, PAUL SCOTT. Died in Santa Barbara, September 26, 1948, aged 38, of poliomyelitis. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois, 1938. Licensed in California in 1946. Doctor Hansen was a member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



MELLINGER, WILLIAM J. Died in Santa Barbara, August 28, 1948, aged 61, of coronary thrombosis. Graduate of the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, Illinois, 1913. Licensed in California in 1919. Doctor Mellinger was a member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



REICH, WILLIAM WALTER. Died in Berkeley, September 19, 1948, aged 48, after a heart attack. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford University-San Francisco, 1929. Licensed in California in 1929. Doctor Reich was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



TILLMANN, CARL SAMUEL JONATHAN. Died in Los Angeles, September 14, 1948, aged 65. Graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, 1907. Licensed in California in 1919. Doctor Tillmanns was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and the California Medical Association.

